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C O N F I D E N T I A L USNATO 3691

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TAGS: ETEL, OCON, MARR, TSPA, NATO

SUBJECT: US COMSEC PROPOSAL

REFS: A. PARA 3B OF USNATO 3471

B. STATE 148855

1. DURING JULY 17-18 NJCEC PLENARY, US REP (DR. RECHTIN) PRESENTED A PROPOSAL ON RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO NATO AND NATO NATIONS CONCERNING THE FAMILY OF SECURE VOICE EQUIPMENT NOW UNDER DEVELOPMENT IN US. UK REP INDORSED US PROPOSAL AND NOTED THAT UK WAS IN PROCESS OF DEVELOPING EQUIPMENT WHICH WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH THAT OF US AND WHICH COULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO NATO AND NATO NATIONS. NJCEC NOTED WITH APPRECIATION OFFERS MADE AND INVITED CHAIRMAN (MACBRIEN) TO INFORM US AND UK DELEGATIONS OF COMMITTEE'S INTEREST IN PROPOSALS SO THAT INITIAL PROCESS OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE COULD BEGIN. MACBRIEN HAS SENT LETTERS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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US AND UK PERMREPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMMITTEE'S DECISION.

2. TEXT OF LETTER TO US PERMREP FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE: AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE NATO INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ORGANIZA-

TION (NICSO) POLICY COMMITTEE ON 17TH AND 18TH JULY 1973, THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, DR. E. RECHTIN, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM REPRESENTATIVE, REAR ADMIRAL SIR PETER ANSON, OFFERED TO RELEASE TO NATO CERTAIN UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM SECURITY DEVICES FOR VOICE COMMUNICATIONS IN A DIGITAL MODE IN A THREE PHASED PROGRAM. THE NICSO POLICY COMMITTEE HAS NOTED THESE OFFERES WITH APPRECIATION. THE COMMITTEE HAS ACCORDINGLY INVITED ME TO INFORM YOU FORMALLY OF ITS INTEREST IN THESE PROPOSALS IN ORDER THAT THE PROCESS OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE CAN BE INITIATED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE ONE HAND AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL NICSMA, FOR NATO, ON THE OTHER. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT. IN RESPONSE TO US NATO REQUEST (REF A), WASHINGTON HAS INITIATED ACTION TO BEGIN INFORMATION EXCHANGE WITH NICSMA (REF B). IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IN INTEREST OF FURTHERING NATO ACCEPTANCE OF COMPATIBLE COMSEC EQUIPMENT, DETAILS OF US PROGRAM SHOULD ALSO BE INTRODUCED BY US REPS TO OTHER NATO DOBIES, PARTICULARLY ALLIED COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY AGENCY (ACSA) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS PANEL OF AC/225 (PANEL VIII). END COMMENT.
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